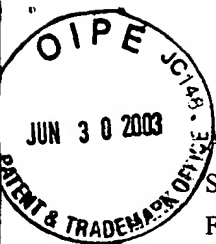


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Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks in support of the claims begin at page 6 of this paper.